

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to April 10, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-83.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant submitted an amendment dated April 10, 2006, wherein claims 1-36, 38-77 and 79-83 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 52 and 83 are independent.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

The following amendment has been made to correct an antecedent basis issue:

In claim 1, line 5, "an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertically sides, a back section, and a horizontal support; and" has been changed to

- - - an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertical sides, a back section, a horizontal support, and an opening on a front side there of, said opening extending substantially vertically for substantially the height of said module- - -.

In claim 1, line 11, "means for enclosing the interior of each of said modules to form a plurality of enclosures; and " has been changed to - - - means for enclosing the interior of each of said modules to form a plurality of enclosures, and said enclosing means selectively closing said front side opening - - -.

In claim 52, line 8, "an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertically sides, a back section, and a horizontal support; and" has been changed to

- - - an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertical sides, a back section, a horizontal support, and an opening on a front side there of, said opening extending substantially vertically for substantially the height of said module- - -.

In claim 52, line 10, "means for enclosing the interior of each of said modules to form a plurality of enclosures; and " has been changed to - - - means for enclosing the interior of each of said modules to form a plurality of enclosures, and said enclosing means selectively closing said front side opening - - -.

In claim 83, line 5, "an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertically sides, a back section, and a horizontal support; and" has been changed to

- - - an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertical sides, a back section, a horizontal support, and an opening on a front side there of, said opening extending substantially vertically for substantially the height of said module- - -.

In claim 83, line 7, "means for enclosing the interior of each of said modules to form a plurality of enclosures; and " has been changed to - - - means for enclosing the interior of each of said modules to form a plurality of enclosures, and said enclosing means selectively closing said front side opening - - -.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1- 83 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cynthia F. Collado whose telephone number is (571)2728315. The examiner can normally be reached on mon-fri 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Ellis can be reached on (571)2726914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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